



State of California
The Natural Resources Agency
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE	Bear Valley Residents, Inc. Common Area Fuels Reduction		
PROJECT LOCATION	T7N, R17E, Sec. 12&13 and T7N, R18E, Sec. 7&18 mdbm	COUNTY	Alpine
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Project Description and Environmental Setting (Describe the project activities, project site and its surroundings, its location, and the environmental setting): The project is within the community of Bear Valley in Alpine County on California Highway 4. Elevations vary from 7,300 to 7,600 feet above sea level. The area is in the upper montane forest type with Jeffrey pine, lodgepole pine, red fir, white fir, quaking aspen and lesser number of mountain juniper, western white pine and planted giant sequoia. Brush species include huckleberry oak, brush chinquapin, pinemat manzanita, current and willows. Herbaceous species are numerous with mule's ear common. Project areas separate private parcels and are owned by Alpine County (see map attached). Project activities include removal of ladder fuels by thinning of dense conifer saplings, pruning conifers, disposal of down woody material and thinning of continuous dense brush. Fuels will be removed, chipped or burned. Suitable fuelwood will be moved to the roadside for "free use". The duff layer will remain.

EXEMPTION STATUS

- ☒ Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 4 15304- Minor Alterations to Land
☐ Statutory Exemption (state code section):
☐ Ministerial (§21080(b)(1): 15268)
☐ Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3): 15269(a))
☐ Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4): 15269(b)(c))

REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

The RPF preparing this document completed the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection Environmental Review Report for an Exempt Project to confirm that no exceptions apply which would preclude the use of a Notice of Exemption for this project. The RPF has concluded that no significant environmental impact would occur to aesthetics, agriculture and forestland/timberland, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use planning, mineral resources, noise, population and housing, public services, recreation, transportation/traffic, or to utilities and service systems was completed to insure that no exceptions exist which would preclude this project from being exempt. Documentation of the environmental review completed by the RPF is kept on file at their residence and also may be viewed at the CAL FIRE Tuolumne/Calaveras Unit Headquarters in San Andreas.

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